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SUBJECT: EMDAP: DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR PRISONERS

REF: SAN JOSE 4720

1. DEPT WILL SHORTLY BE ISSUING A FOREIGN AFFAIRS MANUAL CIRCULAR (FAMC) WHICH WILL PROVIDE COMPLETE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EMDA PROGRAM.
2. WITH REGARD TO THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE PROGRAM, WE ARE CURRENTLY HAVING A STUDY MADE BY A PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE MOST APPROPRIATE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS AND THEIR SOURCES. UNTIL THE RESULTS ARE KNOWN WE WILL HAVE TO TEMPORARILY UTILIZE THE BEST SUPPLEMENTS AVAILABLE LOCALLY AT THE POST.
3. THE FOLLOWING PERTINENT EXCERPT FROM THE FORTHCOMING FAMC RE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR PERUSAL AND FUTURE GUIDANCE:

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DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS.
THIS ELEMENT OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE, THROUGH AMERICAN CONSULAR POSTS, AFTER AN EVALUATION OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE PRISON DIET, FOOD SUPPLEMENTS WHERE NORMAL PRISON FARE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF HEALTH AND SUCH SUPPLEMENTS

ARE NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH PRISONERS' PRIVATE RESOURCES.

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. SINCE THIS ELEMENT OF THE PROGRAM IS NON-REIMBURSABLE, AND SINCE THE AMOUNT WHICH PROBABLY WILL BE EXPENDED PER PRISONER MAY BE RELATIVELY SMALL, THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA NEED NOT BE PARTICULARLY STRINGENT. A PRISONER IS CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CRITERIA:

(A) AN EVALUATION BY A PRIVATE PHYSICIAN, PRISON DOCTOR, OR OTHER HOST COUNTRY MEDICAL AUTHORITY REVEALS THAT THE PRISON DIET DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO SUSTAIN ADEQUATE HEALTH; OR

(B) IF THE EVALUATION IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT AVAILABLE, AN EVALUATION BY EITHER A REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER OR DEPARTMENTAL MEDICAL OFFICER REVEALS THAT THE PRISON DIET DOES NOT PROVIDE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT TO SUSTAIN ADEQUATE HEALTH.

2. TYPES OF SUPPLEMENTS. DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS MUST BE BASIC, EASILY STORED, TRANSPORTED, AND ADMINISTERED. DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS WOULD NORMALLY INCLUDE SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. A BASIC HIGH CALORY, HIGH PROTEIN FOOD SUPPLEMENT.

B. MULTI VITAMIN TABLETS OF THE ONE-A-DAY VARIETY.

C. VITAMIN C. TABLETS (ASCORBIC ACID), PARTICULARLY
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IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THE DIET DOES NOT INCLUDE MINIMAL AMOUNTS OF FRESH FRUIT OR VEGETABLES TO PREVENT SCURVY OR RELATED DISEASES.

D. IRON TABLETS, PRIMARILY FOR FEMALE PRISONERS.

E. CALCIUM TABLETS, PRIMARILY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE LITTLE OR NO DIARY PRODUCTS ARE PROVIDED.

3. SOURCE OF SUPPLEMENTS. WE ARE CURRENTLY IDENTIFYING STANDARD DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS AND THEIR SOURCES. THESE MAY BE FURTHER SUPPLEMENTED BY LOCAL PURCHASE. PURCHASE WILL DEPEND UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH SUPPLEMENTS IN YOUR POST. NORMALLY THE SUPPLEMENTS MAY BE OBTAINED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

(A) PURCHASED FROM THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THIS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POST GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WHO WOULD PURCHASE THE REQUIRED ADDITIONAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS IN WHOLESALE QUANTITIES WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

(B) FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT. IF ACCEPTABLE ADDITIONAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY YOU SHOULD REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THE SUPPLEMENTS THROUGH NORMAL POST PROCUREMENT CHANNELS, PROVIDED THAT THE SHIPMENT OF SUPPLEMENTS WOULD BE ALLOWED BY THE HOST COUNTRY

CUSTOMS OR LAWS.

4. DISTRIBUTION. DISTRIBUTION OF A ONE MONTH'S SUPPLY TO COINCIDE WITH THE CONSULAR OFFICER'S MONTHLY VISIT IS PREFERABLE. IF LOCAL REGULATIONS PROHIBIT YOUR DISTRIBUTING DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL PRISONERS YOU MAY TURN THEM OVER TO LOCAL PRISON AUTHORITIES FOR DISTRIBUTION. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD QUESTION EACH PRISONER AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY REGARDING THE RECEIPT OF SUPPLEMENTS. IF NON-RECEIPT OF DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS BY THE PRISONER APPEARS COMMON YOU SHOULD SUSPEND THE PROGRAM AND REPORT IN FULL TO THE DEPARTMENT BY CABLE. IN ADDITION, YOU SHOULD SUSPEND THE PROGRAM IF BLACK-MARKETEERING OR OTHER MISUSE OF THE SUPPLEMENTS APPEARS COMMON OR IF RECEIPT OF THE SUPPLEMENTS IS LIKELY

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TO SUBJECT THE AMERICAN PRISONERS TO HARASSMENT OR ATTACKS AT THE PRISON. YOU SHOULD ALSO REPORT THESE CASES IN FULL TO THE DEPARTMENT BY CABLE.

IF SUCH A SUPPLEMENT AS OUTLINED IN ABOVE EXCERPT IS AVAILABLE LOCALLY PLEASE ADVISE THE NATURE OF THE SUPPLEMENT AND ITS COST AND WE WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY APPROVAL AND FUNDING INFORMATION. CHRISTOPHER

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